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FM AMEMBASSY QUITO

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INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY LIMA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 6419

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, EC

SUBJ: COUP ATTEMPT IN ECUADOR: SITREP #5

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1. AT 5:50 A.M. SOUNDS OF FIRING RESUMED IN AREA ON NATIONAL PALACE, INCLUDING 75MM FIRE, AND WAS RELATIVELY INTENSE FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES. SOME SPORADIC FIRING FOLLOWED, BUT NO FIRING HAS BEEN HEARD SINCE 6:30A.M.

2. AT 6:00A.M. THE GRAN COLOMBIA RADIO STATION IN QUITO BROADCAST A MESSAGE BY CHIEF OF STAFF RAUL GONZALEZ ALVEAR SAYING HE WAS LEADING ATTACK AGAINST RODRIGUEZ GOVERNMENT, AND THAT HE HAD CONSULTED WITH LEADERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO THE ACTION HE WAS TAKING. HE ATTACKED RODRIGUEZ GOVERNMENT, SAID HE BELIEVED PLACE OF MILITARY WAS IN GARRISON, AND ASKED FOR SUPPORT.

3. THIS MAY REPEAT MAY HAVE BEEN LAST EFFORT OF GENERAL
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GONZALEZ TO ACHIEVE COUP. SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE ABOVE

GRAN COLOMBIA BROADCAST, AND SINCE THEN, NATIONAL RADIO STATION AND OTHER STATIONS IN QUITO CONTINUE TRANSMITTING REPORTS THAT THE REVOLT HAS BEEN PUT DOWN. THIS IS SUPPORTED BY STATEMENT REPORTEDLY MADE BY ADMIRAL VASQUEZ PACHECO THAT ALL ECUADOREAN ARMED FORCES BACK RODRIGUEZ.

4. QUITO IS BEGINNING TO AWAKE AND TRAFFIC SEEMS TO BE MOVING NORMALLY AS A NUMBER OF PERSONS EVIDENTLY GO TO WORK.

5. AMCONSUL REPORTS THAT ALL IS QUIET IN GUAYAQUIL. GOVERNOR OF GUAYAQUIL GENERAL SEMBANTES HAS MADE ANNOUNCEMENT SUPPORTING RODRIGUEZ, AND THE TWO RADIO STATIONS THAT ARE BROADCASTING SAY ARMED FORCES ARE BACKING RODRIGUEZ. BREWSTER

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